

No. 5909      號九零百九千五第      日六十月九年子丙緒光      HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1876.      三拜禮      號一月一十英      港香      (PRICE \$24 PER MONTH.)

### Incitements.

**ARRISON THEATRE.**  
By the kind permission and under the  
Patronage of  
His Colonel C.A.S. **PROBAST AND OFFICERS**  
**24th (M.G.) REGIMENT,**  
**ENTERTAINMENT**  
will be given in the above Theatre,  
**THIS EVENING, 1st NOVEMBER, 1876.**  
For Particulars, see Programme.

**PROCEEDS** (to be devoted to the BENEFIT  
of the **SOLDIERS' DAUGHTERS' HOME,**  
Singapore.)

**23 Hongkong, 31st October, 1876.**  
**THEATRE DRAMATIQUE CLUB OF**  
**HONGKONG.**

give their  
FIRST PERFORMANCE

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11th,**  
NINE o'clock, when will be presented an  
Original Grand Historical Extravaganza,  
by **WILLIAM BRADY, Esq.,**  
entitled  
**THE FIELD OF THE CLOTH OF  
GOLD."**

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General permission of Colonel DICKENS and  
Major of the 28th Regiment, the Band of the  
Regiment will be in attendance.

Tickets may be secured at Messrs. JANE,  
STEWART & Co.'s on and after SATURDAY,  
September 4th, 1876, where also a Plan of the

CHAS. C. CO  
Honorary

THE Steamship  
 "ESMERALDA,"  
 will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 1st  
 of November, at 3 P.M., instead of as previously  
 fixed.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
 A. MACG. HEATON,  
 Agent.  
 27 Hongkong, 31st October, 1878.  
 FOR SHANGHAI.  
 THE Steamship  
 "CHINKIANG,"

TO-DAY (Wednesday),  
4 P.M.

728 Hongkong Slat October, 1876.  
 MR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOCHOW,  
 HH Steamship  
  
 "NAMOIA"  
 When Westoby will be dispatched for the  
 steamer FORT T-MORROW, the 2nd Novem-  
 ber at Daylight, instead of as previously ad-  
 vanced.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
 JOHN & COMPANY, SHIPRAIK & CO.  
 728 Hongkong, Slat October, 1876.  
 COMPTON D'ESCOMTE DE PARIS.  
  
 NOTICE is hereby given, that during my  
 TEMPORARY ABSENCE from the Co-  
 mpany, Mr. R. J. MAUKENZIE will act as  
 MANAGER of the SHIPRAIK & CO.  
 JOHN DE GUINNE,  
 Manager, Hongkong.

**B'S TELEGRAM CO.  
LIMITED.**

**F. STANLEY COPE** has this Day been appointed **SPECIAL AGENT** of the Company at **HONGKONG**, and all communications, etc., intended for the **AGENCY** at **HONGKONG**, should be sent to him. The results of the Company will, until further notice, remain as heretofore.

**HARRY W. WILLIAMS,**  
Manager, Eastern Branch,  
7377 Hongkong, 1st November, 1875.

TO LET  
The Three-Storey DWELLING HOUSE, No. 115, **DRING LADEN**, **QUEEN'S ROAD** East. - For particulars apply to  
**D. NOWROJEE,**  
1732 Hongkong, 1st November, 1875.

**KUMMOOR-HOUSE**  
**BOARD AND LOGGING, MILLIARDS**  
**AND BOWLING ALLEYS.**  
The Bowling Alleys are NOW OPEN.  
The required Dances are requested to be performed either at the above Hotel, or at  
**D. NOWROJEE, PROPRIETOR.**

NOTICE  
—  
HONG KONG ICE COMPANY

N and after this date, until further notice,  
the Retail Price of our tea is TWO  
CENTS per POUND.

KYLE AND BAIN,  
731 Hongkong, 31 November, 1875.

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TUDOR COMPANY.

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N and after NOVEMBER 1st, the Price of  
our tea will be THREE CENTS per  
POUND.

J. F. HORGAN, Agent,  
I. Ho House,  
Hongkong, 31 October, 1876. [U 121]

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FOR SALE.

SODA-WATER MACHINE, in very  
good condition. Address "X," Dairy  
Office.  
1885 Hongkong, 25th August, 1876.

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Notices to Consignees.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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cargo is being discharged into a raft, and loaded  
 on the barge of the Underwriter, is both  
 safe, and without any risk. The Cargo  
 is ready for delivery from Craft or  
 barge, and after the 25th October, 1876.  
 Cargoes undelivered after the 2nd November,  
 1876, will be at Consignee's risk.  
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,  
 1897 Hongkong, 25th October, 1876.  
 HENRIAN J. M. SCHOONER ELISE, FROM  
 BAMBURO.  
 The Consignees of Cargo by the above-  
 named Vessel are hereby requested to  
 send their Bill of Lading to the Yokohama  
 Consignments, and to take immediate  
 delivery of their Goods.  
 Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
 to be landed and stored at Consignee's risk.

Agents.  
Hongkong, 25th October

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are  
requested to send in their Bills of Lading  
the undersigned for countersignature, and  
to immediate delivery: this Cargo has been  
loaded and stored at their risk and expense.  
No fire insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY  
Agent.

Ex. Ass. 3rd September, 1876.  
in diamond..... 1 case Gona.  
Diamonds. 14th October. 1876.



**NOTICE.**  
A. S. WATSON & CO.  
FAMILY AND DISPENSARY  
CHEMISTS.  
By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS.  
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS.  
DRUGGISTS' SURVEILLORS.  
And  
ARRANGED WATER MAKERS.  
SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED.  
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

Notice.—To avoid delay in the execution of orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. WATSON & Co., or  
827 HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 1st, 1976.

The statement made by the *Hochi Shinbun* that the Government of Peking has informed the Authorities at London that that country is a tributary of China, and must in future pay tribute, as in former years, is important, if true. The other Japanese papers seem to believe the report, and the question has been discussed in their columns. It appears that some Loochooan officials and other natives of those islands who have been staying in Fokien waiting the arrival of the tribute, have been sent back to Loochoo by the Governor of Fokien, with a message to the above effect. If we did not know somewhat by experience of the stupid obtuseness of the Chinese Government, we should dismiss the rumour as utterly incredible. But one would suppose that China had completely abandoned all pretensions to supremacy over the Loochoos. She allowed Japan to take up the cudgels on behalf of the Loochoos who worked on the coast of Formosa, and incur an expenditure of some four millions of yen to procure them redress. She also paid over a large indemnity to the Japanese to induce them to leave Formosa, and to avert a war which would have been waged solely on account of Loochoo, and yet, in all appearance, fails to understand that in concluding peace on those terms she virtually recognised the right of the Japanese to protect Loochoo. But it is the habit of Chinese officials to ignore the past when it suits them to do so, and in this instance it would seem that on several accounts. They do not like to dwell upon the humiliation they received at the hands of a country so much smaller than China, and no doubt still sorely chafe at its ruinous burden. What object they can have in persevering with a claim which if persisted in will certainly lead to fresh difficulties between the two nations, it is not easy to say. The Japanese Government has, indeed, taken formal possession of the group. It has set up an official establishment in the islands, which have been converted into a *Han*, it has selected a site for barracks, which are now, we believe, being erected; and it has several schemes for the improvement of the people, educationally and materially. The inhabitants of Loochoo, who are timid, irresolute people, seem perfectly content with Japanese rule; they are only anxious that they should be formally relieved by the Japanese Government of an imaginary claim which has upon them, they confess that they are chiefly desirous that the Chinese Government should understand that they are not unfriendly or ungrateful—though they have not much to be grateful for except forbearance—and that the severance of their connection with it was not their own act. In short, they would have been best pleased to have been allowed to go on sending tribute to both Japan and China, and remaining under their joint protection. This is no longer possible, as the Japanese have plainly intimated, and they must be satisfied to rely for the future on the will and ability of the MIKADO's Government to protect them. Which power they would have been left to them, it would be hard to guess. Probably they would have decided in favour of Japan, if not out of gratitude for her defence of their interests, out of respect for her superior energy, valour, and tenderness to afford them efficient protection. Geographically, too, the Loochoos belong more to Japan than to China. The Loochoos themselves are, perhaps, about as nearly allied to one nation as to the other. In several of their customs and manners they resemble the Japanese; in their dirty habits and pusillanimity they show affinity to the Chinese. It is doubtful whether the islands, which are possessed of scanty resources, are worth much contention, far less a war; but the Japanese Government is too deeply committed to give them up with honour. The Government of Peking, on the contrary, resign all claim to their sovereignty without any compromise of dignity. It has already practically surrendered whatever rights it had over the Loochoos, and it will cost little to formally relinquish the annual tribute from them. The Japanese Government will certainly, through its Minister, demand that this shall be done, and it is to be hoped that the Chinese Government will see the policy of acceding to the request without raising any difficulties in the matter.

The Japanese papers anticipate that the Chinese Government will take a long time before giving any definite reply, and this supposition is but too well founded on past experience of the course adopted by the Chinese Ministers. The question is, however, one that needs no delay, and the Japanese Government will be fully justified in pressing for an immediate decision from the Authorities at Peking. That China will ultimately resign Loochoo to Japan there can be little doubt, though it may, and probably will, be done both reluctantly and ungrudgingly.

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### Post-Office Notifications.

*A mail ship will*  
 "or Hainan.—To-day, the 1st instant, at  
 10 A.M.  
 "or Amoy.—Per *Emeralda*, to-day, the 1st  
 instant, at 3.30 P.M.  
 "or Shanghai.—Per *Chinkiang*, to-day, the  
 instant, at 3.30 P.M.  
 "or New York.—Per ship *Hoogy*, to-day,  
 the instant, at 4.30 P.M.  
 "or Swatow.—Amoy, and Foochow.—Per  
 "ance, to-day, the 1st instant, at 5 A.M.  
 "or Saigon.—To-day, the 1st inst., at 5 P.M.  
 "or Calcutta.—On Friday, the 3rd instant, at  
 2 P.M.  
 "or Singapore, Queensland, Sydney, Tas-  
 mania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.—Per  
 "ance, on Saturday, the 4th instant, at  
 10 A.M.  
 "or Bangkok.—Per *Dunbar*, on Saturday, the  
 instant, at 5 P.M.  
 "or Sydney, and Melbourne.—On

Monday, the 13th instant, at 11.30 A.M. Prices ship rates.

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**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES' PACKET.**

The United States' Mail Packet *GAELIC* will be despatched on **SATURDAY**, the 4th November, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which

be CLOSED as follows:—  
P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.  
3.30 P.M. Post Office closes.  
3.30 P.M. Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage, until 5.50 P.M. when the Mail is finally closed.  
Correspondence must be specially directed for route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent British Packet.

Letters, &c., can be posted for Canada, the East India, and other places named below, if sufficient American stamps are added to prepay them from San Francisco to destination. American Stamps are sold at this Office. The charge for Registry is 3 cents in Hong Kong Stamps and 10 cents in U.S. Stamps to these places only the names of which are printed in Italics. To all the other places named

Correspondence cannot be Registered through,  
only to San Francisco (8 cents).  
The following are the charges on correspon-  
dence thus sent:—

	Per Half Ounce
Hongkong	U.S.
Stamps	Stamps.
Cents	Cents.

Canada, British Columbia, New  
Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince

Edward's Island, Vancouver's	8	3
Island, Bahamas, Nassau, New		
Providence		
St. John's, Bermuda, Bogota,		
Carthagens, Costa Rica, Cu-		
ruca, Curacao, Fiji, Greenland,	8	5
Jamaica, New Granada, Nica-		
raguas, Panama, West India.		
Wall, New Foundland	8	6

temania, Mexico, Salvador,	8	10
Venezuela.....		
Wia, Greytown, Guiana, Hen-		
buras, Martinique, Santa Mar-	8	13
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asil.....	8	15
Wia, Ecuador, Chili, Peru.....	8	17
Argentine Confederation, Bu-		
enos Ayres, Paraguay, Uru-	8	23

Newspapers (not over 4 oz.)	2	4
Books, &c., per 4 oz.	8	10

Any articles found enclosed in Newspapers  
Book Packets (as silk scarves, jewellery,  
) will be detained.

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**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.**  
 The French Contract Packet *TIGRE* will  
 despatched on **THURSDAY**, the 2nd No-

ber, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, *via* Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria.

Letters may also be forwarded to India by Parcel, but can be paid only as far as Ceylon. The postage to Ceylon must be prepaid. Letters should be marked *Pay to Galle*

they will go on from Galle as usual.  
The following will be the hours of closing the  
Mails, &c.:-

WEDNESDAY, 1st November,  
5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post  
Office closes except the NIGHT BOX,  
which remains open all night.

THURSDAY, 2nd November,  
7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of  
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Post-

ing of all correspondence.  
10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.  
11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.  
1.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom or to Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

entirely.

**MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.**  
The English Contract Packet *KHIVA*  
will be despatched with the Mails for Europe,  
on **THURSDAY, the 9th November.**  
The following will be the hours of storing the  
Mails, &c. —

WEDNESDAY, 8th November,  
5 P.M., Money Order Office closes.  
6 P.M., Post Office closes except the NIGHT  
BOX, which remains open all night.  
THURSDAY, 9th November;  
7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of  
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Post-  
ing of all correspondence.  
10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late  
Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

0.15 A.M., Letters may be posted on payment of a LATE FEE of 18 cents extra Postage, until 11 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely. 11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom *via* *Brindisi*, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet on payment of a

Arrangements having been made under which Mails for London arriving at Suez from India by Private Ships will be forwarded to London via Brindisi, it is hereby notified that the rates of postage, which must be paid in advance, on correspondence addressed to the United Kingdom, so forwarded, will be as follows:

r Letters..... 23 cents per half ounce  
 r Newspapers..... 4 " each.  
 r Books and { ..... 1 ounce 4 cents.  
 Patterns..... { ..... 2 ounces 8 cents.  
 ..... every 4 ounces 12 cents.

Most countries to which Hongkong forwards  
 correspondence having joined the General

No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

BOOKS AND PAPERS.—To the Allowed Offices, 5lb.  
PATTERNS.—5lb. if without intrinsic value.  
BOOKS AND PAPERS.—To the Continent, &c.,  
PATTERNS.—8 oz.

The following articles cannot be sent by post at all:—Glass, Liquids, Gunpowder, Tohes, Candles, Soap, Indigo, Dyestuffs, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails or offensive or injurious to persons dealing with them.

**PARCELS.**

The public is reminded that, in China and elsewhere, there is no such thing as Parcel Post. Any trouble and disappointment is caused by

ment attempts to send an invaluable trifles such as the Post, Fans, Curios, Articles of Jewels, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having to expect more in Postage than would have been the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps generated before the nature of the contents is discovered.

ome difficulty is experienced in obtaining a  
 eral understanding of *what is a Pattern*. It  
*bona fide* sample of goods which the sender  
 for sale, or of goods which he wishes to  
 er. It is to consist of the smallest possible  
 quantity compatible with showing what the  
 goods are; and must have no intrinsic value,



